Shares in Air India Airlines

*569. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an proposal to offer shares in the Air Indian and the Indian Airlines to the staff of two organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any pricing formula for these shares;

(d) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be finalised and implemented; and

(e) the reaction of the employees thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Two Companies under the Companies Act, 1956, namely, Indian Airlines Ltd. and Air India Ltd. are intended to be incorporated to replace the two Air Corporations, i. e. Indian Airlines and Air India, to enable them mobilise capital to meet growth requirements, provide opportunity of participation in the shareholding of the companies to workers in the first instance, and later, if necessary, to mutual proposed in this connection to restructure the two Air Corporations for which a Bill will be introduced or consideration of the Parliament.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Privatisation of Tourism

*570. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:
DR. A. K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to privates tourism and hand over certain places to private sector for development as tourist resorts

(b) if so, the details thereof and the modalities for selection of private parties for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government propose to invite global tenders and if so, the parametres of the tender notice;

(d) whether any specific places have been selected for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e). Government's policy has been to encourage growth of tourism mainly in the private sector. Recently offers have been invited from private parties for setting up of hotels and resorts in locations in Lakshadweep and Delhi. These offers will be considered in accordance with the investment policy, environment regulations and other factors related to need for development of tourism infrastructure and facilities in the country.

Negotiations with Asiasat to Lease Transponder

*571. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:
KUMARI PUSPA DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to revive the negotiations with Asiasat, to leas a transponder on its satellite to telecast Doordarshan's programmes;

(b) if so, the when the last negotiation were held with them;

(c) the amount demanded by Asiasat for leasing a transponder; and

(d) the likely amount of lease now to be paid to Asiasat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Negotiations can be revived only if any offer is received from ASIASAT.

(b) 13th December, 1991.

(c) U. S. Dollars 1.7 million per year.

(d) Does not arise.

Supply of Pellets to Japan and Australia

6097. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd. has signed any contract for supply of pellets to Japan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether KIOCL has signed a long term contract with Australia for supply of pellets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. KIOCL has signed a long term contract with Japanese Steel Mills for supply of a firm quantity of 2.80 lakh tonnes and an optional quantity of 1.20 lakh tonnes of pellets per annum during the year 1991 to 1995.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. KIOCL has signed a long term contract with an Australian party for supply of a firm quantity of 3 lakh tonnes with an optional quantity o 1.50 lakh tonnes per annum of pellets for a period of 4 years commencing from 1991-92.

Casual Producers with Calcutta Doordarshan

6098. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Calcutta Doordarshan has been paying ten days remuneration to the casual production who have been working for twenty five days in a month; and

(b) Whether the authorities have changed their designation from Casual Production Assistants to Ground Workers; and

(c) if so, the facts in details in regard to part (a) and (b) and

(d) The action taken to include those artists for developmental involvement and proper working participation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. According to information furnished by DG; Doordarshan the designation of causal Production Assistant has not been changed to ground workers. The number of Production Assistants booked on casual basis is restricted to the number of vacancies available in the grade at the time of such bookings, which may differ from time to time. The ground workers are engaged to do some causal nature of work depending upon the requirement of programmes. While Casual Production Assistants are booked for not more 10 days in a month on rotation basis, the ground workers are booked on programme basis.

(d) As the ground workers are booked to do casual nature of work on programme basis, there cannot be any development